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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT:

REFERENCES:

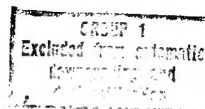
- a. Memorandum dated 13 January 1970 from TSD, subject: The ORD-TSD [redacted]
- b. Memorandum dated 6 February 1970 to TSD, subject: Current Status of ORD/TSD Support Funds
- c. Memorandum from TSD dated 24 February 1970, subject: The [redacted] Problem
- d. Memorandum from C/AP/ORD dated 5 March 1970, subject: TSD Withdraws Support on [redacted]

1. This memorandum and the supporting documents are for your information only and are symptomatic of some of our difficulties in supporting TSD. No action is required at this time.

2. As you may recall, ORD has been supporting the development of [redacted]. Although there are a number of potential users, we felt and TSD confirmed that the Clandestine Services would be the major Agency consumer.

3. During the Fall of 1969, ORD proposed to undertake an advanced development program [redacted]. [redacted] proposed a program costing approximately [redacted]. TSD's initial reaction was equivocal; therefore we solicited and obtained funds from other sources, such as Office of Communications, [redacted] etc.

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4. At about this point, TSD came to us and said that they had decided we should not accept external funds, presumably for security and other reasons, and that they would take the initiative to request the necessary additional funds through the Clandestine Services, with concurrence by the DD/S&T. Subsequent meetings were held with my Deputy and an exchange of memoranda took place (Refs a. and b.). ORD and TSD agreed verbally that we would bring this matter to the attention of the DD/P and the DD/S&T jointly. We were, therefore, surprised to receive Ref c. late in February, 1970, which informed us that they did not intend to pursue the course which we had agreed upon.

5. Obviously it is much too late for us to solicit external funds at this time, or indeed, to reprogram funds. The net effect is that the program cannot go forward at this time, those who have provided some funds will not receive the R&D support which they anticipated, and the contractor will have wasted time and money preparing a detailed proposal for which he receives neither support nor reimbursement.

6. Reference d., and other experiences, suggest that responsiveness is a two-way street and we should seriously re-evaluate our support responsibility over a period of time with respect to the Technical Services Division, particularly in those areas where the consumers involve other Directorates than the DD/P.



Director of Research and Development

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